Mr. P. V. Raphael.—There was no need to make any such reference.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It is stated that teachers are not allowed to have private tuition ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—They are allowed without hindrance to their own usual work. Usually it is the custom to ask the Headmaster to look into such things. He is the man who sanctions it.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Is there any specific order ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Though there is nothing written, it has been the unwritten convention of the department.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If the Headmaster refuses sanction, can he appeal to the Director ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Certainly. There have been such appeals.

Grant of increments in advance of due dates.

182. Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing.—

(1) the names of the officers to whom increments have been given in 1106 and 1107 over and above what they were under the service rules entitled to ; and

(2) increments allowed as in (1) with the date on which they were allowed ;

(3) the names of officers who were allowed to draw maximum salaries of their posts in 1106 and 1107 with the date on which they were so allowed to draw and the amounts they were drawing prior to their being allowed to draw such maximum ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—

1106.

(1) (i) Mr. M. Kunjan Menon, Tahsildar.

(ii) Mr. C. Ramankutty Menon, do

(iii) Mr. M. Sanjeeva Rao, Mechanical Assistant Engineer.

1107.

(iv) Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.

(2) (i) Mr. Kunjan Menon was allowed to draw Rs. 240 from 22nd Dhanu 1106 against Rs. 180 eligible from 15th Medam 1106.

(ii) Mr. Ramankutty Menon was allowed to draw Rs. 240 from 22nd Dhanu 1106 against Rs. 190 eligible from 7th Makaram 1106.

(iii) Mr. Sanjeeva Rao was allowed to draw Rs. 300 from 1st Kanni 1106 against Rs. 260 eligible from 1st Chingam 1106.

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(iv) Dr. Raghavendra Rao was allowed to draw Rs. 600 from 19th Makaram 1107 against Rs. 600 eligible from 1st Chingam 1108.

(3) Messrs. I. N. Menon and M. K. Raman were allowed to draw the maximum, the former as Director of Public Instruction from 30th Vrischigam 1106 and the latter as acting Assistant to Government Advocate from 10th Makaram 1107 the dates of their first appointment.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know the reason for allowing Mr. Kunjan Menon an increment like this?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He petitioned to the Government that when compared to some of his colleagues in the service his pay was very low for no fault of his. The Government thought that there was much truth in that. Therefore, the Government allowed this before he retired.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was it allowed before his retirement?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Before his retirement.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—What was the reason for allowing the increment to Mr. C. Ramankutti Menon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The same reason.

Mr. C.A. Ouseph.—Is he in service?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Is he about to retire?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—One year hence.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know why Mr. Sanjeeva Rao was given the increment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He was given the increment, because of his very satisfactory work in connection with the Viceroy's visit.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Was there any petition from him?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I think there was. I am not quite sure.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know what was the reason for allowing Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao this increment?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—In his case it was not really an increment in advance. There was a change in the grade. He was on Rs. 450—650. That was altered to Rs. 550 to 800. There came a date within the year when he would have been legitimately eligible for an increment had he been in the old scale, but he would not be eligible for the increment according to the new scale. In such cases a lenient treatment used to be given to such officers. Since he had served anyway for one year he could be given an increment.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether along with that his maximum salary was also increased by Rs. 200 beyond what was fixed by the Special Finance Committee?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He has never been allowed to draw the maximum. His grade was revised. That was altered to Rs. 550 to 800 and that brought about this difficulty. So he was given an increment 6 months in advance. It is only a solution to get over a technicality.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know, if the Government had not altered the maximum as Rs. 800, whether this difficulty would have arisen?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No. It would not have arisen.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether the Government had begun to feel the effects of depression when these orders were passed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—They did not feel it so much.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I know whether there was absolutely no depression when this order was passed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—My answer is, a wave of depression was passing over this State. But the Government so far as their finance was concerned did not feel any acuteness.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—May I take it that at the time when Dr. Raghavendra Rao was given the increment the Government were prepared to pass similar orders if occasion arose in other cases also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is a hypothetical question. I think the answer will be in the affirmative.

Tours of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer.

183. **Mr. C. A. Ouseph.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay a statement on the table showing the tour programme of the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer in the first six months of 1107 with the purpose for which each place was visited?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Details of the tour undertaken and the purpose for which the circuit was made are detailed in the monthly circuit diaries. Copies of the circuit diaries for the 1st 6 months of 1107 are placed on the table. (*Appendices VI, VII, VIII, IX, X and XI.*)

Mr. C. A Ouseph.—May I know whether these tours extend to all the parts of the State?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—Yes.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Am I right in thinking that on all occasions the Chief Medical and Sanitary Officer will have to run away in connection with these tours?

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao.—The question is not clear.

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